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Residents given White Christmas two days late

KRIS DUBÉ Times Staff

When local residents headed to church service on Christmas Eve, most of them likely brought an from the rain.

On Christmas morning, the rain hadn't Geoff Coulson. stopped...but continued to fall for the rest of the

On Dec. 27th, people hoping for a White Christmas were granted their wish...but only two

Between Sunday and

Monday, 17 centimetres of lake effect snow fell on Greater Fort Erie according to a climate observation site in Fort Erie that collects data pertaining to precipitation and temperature twice daily, says umbrella to keep dry warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment

> He said an influx of cold air behind a southwest wind pattern, especially when Lake Erie hasn't iced over, is a definite recipe for lake effect

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Fort Erie resident Paul Woodhouse removing snow from his Albany Street driveway on Tuesday, Between Sunday and Monday, approximately 17 centimetres of lake effect snow fell on Greater Fort Erie, according to a meteorologist from Environment Canada who expects an average amount of snow accumulation this winter for the area.



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Warm lake temperature puts more power behind snow squall

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"When those winds line up both at the surface and at the lowest levels of the atmosphere out of the southwest, it brings moisture right along the axis of Lake Erie," said Coulson.

He said lake effect snow is more common in the earlier part of winter and as cold temperatures over a longer period of time freeze the lake, events like this become less frequent.

The exchange between the lake and the air is impeded by the ice as it gets thicker, so that tends to diminish the strength of the lake effect," he said.

He said Sunday and Monday's snowfall was as intense as it was

ture being slightly warmer than what it normally is this time of year, accompanied by colder temperatures.

"The bigger the difference, the more powerful the snow squalls can be," said Coulson. He continued by estimating that

Greater Fort Erie will not see anything "more than normal" this winter and expects temperatures to become bitter cold in the next cou-I

ple of weeks. could be found removing the accu-

way on Albany Road.

welcomes it with an open shovel. "I think it's the best exercise a tained damage from the incident.



while motorists drove slowly and carefully on the same route.

Charges laid after Christmas car fire

On Christmas Day at approximately 6:30 p.m., Niagara Regional Police (NRP) and On Tuesday, Paul Woodhouse the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a reported vehicle fire on North Street. mulated snowfall from his drive- Upon arrival, a vehicle was found fully engulfed in the driveway of a residence in He said he doesn't hide in the close proximity to the home. Investigation house and hope that it melts like revealed the fire had been deliberately set. other people might do, but instead Damage to the vehicle is being considered extensive by police and the home also sus-

Uniformed officers and detectives from the No. 5 district commenced an immediate investigation and arrested a male shortly

Charged with one count of arson is a 61vear-old male.

Anyone with information about this offence is urged to contact the NRP at (905) 688 4111 ext. 2300. To leave an anonymous tip or information, please contact Crime Stoppers toll free at 1 (800) 222-TIPS.





GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Last week, the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen Club donated to Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) and the St. Vincent De Paul food and toy drive at St. George's Catholic Church in Crystal Beach, Mandy Crosby, back left. Bob Harting Santa Claus, Joe's Valu-Mart owner Joe Ambrosio, Marc Zucarelli, front left, and Lloyd McGuigan were all on hand for the donation. The club also donated 10 complete Christmas dinners with 'all the fixins' to needy families in Greater Fort Frie



ROCKIN' OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Nick McGuigan, left, Josh Humphrey and Enzo Herrera of the local rock band Amber Reigns with Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) vice-chair Nicole Vinson and Mandy Crosby, donating items raised for the local food bank at a recent concert in Ridgeway.



6:20 pm Annual Report Mr. David Dimberio. Chair 6:30 pm Treasurer's Report 2009 and 2010 General Budget Mr. Leigh Whyte, Treasurer

Open Discussion and Refreshments 6:45 pm

7:30 pm Adjournment

All members of the community are welcome to attend

Car accident claims life of 18-year-old

weekend has claimed the life of an 18-year-old female from Fort Erie. On Saturday, at approximately 11:37 p.m. the driver of a Chevy Cavalier travelling westbound on Hwy. 3 near Nigh Road lost control of her vehicle on icy road conditions and spun into oncoming traffic before the car was broadsided

by another vehicle. The passenger in the Cavalier, Reilly Anzovino, who was pursuing a post-secondary education in Ottawa, was transported to Welland County General Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. The 18-year old driver of the Cavalier, also from Fort Erie. was taken to the Welland hospital site suffering from non-life threat-

ening but serious injuries. The vehicle heading east was occupied by three people, all of whom are from Fort Erie. Their injuries are considered serious but non-life threatening according to Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Sgt. Dave Woodford, media co-

ordinator with the OPP's highway safety division said the investiga-

A tragic accident from last tion is ongoing and that on Tuesday, it was still too early to determine what may have caused the accident, other than icy driving conditions and fog. He said speed, mechanics of the car and other things still need to be examined. These are all parts of the investigation and we will rule them out

as we move forward," said Woodford As of Tuesday night, almost 2,000 people have joined a group

on the social networking website Facebook, pay-

ing tribute to the young lady who is sadly missed by her friends and familv. Hundreds of comments have heen left by people who are remembering her for being artistic. verv funny and liked evervone who knew her.



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New ambulance and police facility set to break ground in 2010

Knie Dimi Times Staff

In 2001, Fort Erie was identified as a community that needed a new facility for its local police detachment. In 2010, this will become a reality, along with a new Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS) facility at the same site.

Both uniformed services will be housed out of a new local headquarters at Thompson and Gilmore Roads, across from Bridgewater Country Club.

A total of \$4.5 million has been set aside by the regional government with \$3.5 million going towards the new police facility and the acquisition of the land, with the remaining \$1 million paying for the EMS facility from the Region's 2010 capital budget.

The Town of Fort Erie and the Fort Eric Fire Department (FEFD) have also applied for government funding, hoping to re-locate fire station no. 2 to the site.

"If this is passed, we'll be the first in the region to have all three uniform services in the same area." said Shirley Cordiner, Fort Erie's representative in the regional gov-

Staff Sergeant Dave Hunter said these improvements are "badly needed" from a policing perspective. He said the current local headquarters, built in the early 1980's on Thompson Road is very outdated. He said the new facility will have benefits for officers and members of the public in many ways. Firstly, it is in a more central loca-

from different areas in town. Not only will citizens have less difficulty accessing its local police service, on duty officers will be able to work in a more comfortable environment and essentially work more effectively.

"The current facility is very overcrowded. "We've definitely outgrown it." he said. Cordiner estimates the project will be shovel ready by March or



THESE KIDS CAN COLOUR

Winners of the Fort Erie Times Christmas colouring contest Lorelei Duckett, Jaime Lachance, Hunter Lumley, Steven Cooke, Tara Kinghorn-Briggs, Chloe Scott, Ashton Lanthier, Meredith Hilmayer, Natalie Woehl, Daylon Groulx and Olivia Moore came to the office last week to claim their prizes which were generously donated by Nigh's Sweet Shop and the Crystal Beach Candy Company. Absent from this photo is winner Christopher Roszel.



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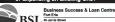
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Thank you to Doug Fraser and John Brunt for helping to identify the photo from December 19th photo was taken in conjunction with the 1982 Man-amile relay, 14 or 15 members represented the Town of Fort Erie in the race from St. Catharines to Niagara Falls. John Brunt is in the bottom right of the photo, and Stuart Bolton is bottom left. This week's undated photo taken at the Douglas Memorial Hospital has 'Willis Thompson, Administrator' written on the back.

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A Recyclable The FORT ERIE TIMES Saturday, January 2, 2010

Editorial

Let family and friends share memories

This is undoubtedly the most difficult part about working for a community newspaper in your hometown.

Everyone knows everyone and when bad news happens...it travels fast.

You will notice that in this week's issue the coverage of 18year-old Reilly Anzovino's passing is brief and isn't the result of aggressive reporting. We didn't look up contact information for family members in the phonebook and we certainly didn't go knocking on any doors.

This is a small town and there isn't one person who only learned about this when reading The Times this morning, It's been almost a week and everyone knows it happened.

Our priority this week is to give her family and friends the privacy they want and need. She was the type of person who people say got along with

everyone and didn't have a mean thing to say to anyone who

Her friends and family are the ones that should share these memories with one another and not in the public spotlight.

The Times would like to express its condolences to her family and everyone else who was close to her.



Christopher Roszel accepting his prizes for the Fort Erie Times Christmas colouring contest last week. He was unable to drop by the office when the other winners were scheduled for their photo because he had to play in an out of town hockey tournament. He was kind enough to give The Times this exclusive photo before joining his team on the ice.

Resolutions are easy to come by, but hard to stick with

ing as much?

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

BY: MATT DAY

We've heard them all before. "I'm going to exercise more," or "I'm going to quit smoking." We've even heard the not-sonormal ones such as, "I'm going to go skydiving" or "I'm going to use

They all sound so enticing at first and there is a huge selection other materials submitted to of resolutions one can make. It's the whole sticking to your New Year's resolution that most people are never good with.

If you're like me, this New Year as crept up on you. It seems like ust yesterday we were wearing shorts and writing about the school year starting. Now we are Please Use Your Blue Box bundling up in 15 layers of clothing before heading outside and writing about a brand new calen-

dar year. When trying to think of a New Year's resolution, a lot came to mind... probably not a good start.

What to do? Should I vow to exercise more? Become more organized? Lay off Facebook? All three of those are more than likely not to stick, so instead I decided to seriously think hard about a resolution and promise

myself to fall through with it. In order to do this, I need a task or something that is easily attainable, as I'll be the first to admit, I am a lazy guy.

Maybe that's it, become less

Nah, that's too much work. It needs to be something simple. Perhaps finally changing my

Reporter's Notebook mugshot above? I don't think so. That's not a

resolution, that just needs to get What about something work

By working in two communities, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie, procrastination kind of comes with the territory

So, with all these ideas aside I'm still looking for a resolution to stick to. This is where I'm going to ask you, the reader, to help me out. You don't have to know me to come up with an idea, as all sug- etimes.com.

related, such as not procrastinat- gestions are being considered. It can be something small, unique, wacky or serious.

Just keep in mind, I want to try and stick to something in 2010. I mean, if all else fails at least I

wrote about trying. To leave me feedback and possibly a resolution to consider, contact me at 905-871-3100 ext. 208 or e-mail me at mday@forteri-

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pinion

Food bank thankful for community support during holidays

Dear Editor.

It has been proven once again just how generous and caring our communityt has been proven once again just how generous and caring our community of Greater Fort Erie is.

Even though times are difficult for more people this year, the donations to Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) were greater than last year. The only way to explain this is that more people are becoming aware of the needs of our community, and they are "stepping up to the plate" to make a positive difference. Behind every donation is

a giving and caring heart It is imperative that people realize how much of a difference their donation makes. So many people have been provided with emergency services through COPE this year. due only to the widespread support of our community. "Community" to COPE means not only the people living in a certain area, but the act of "community", by which people work together towards a common good.

We thank everyone who has given to COPE this year with their time; made donations of food, clothing, gifts, store gift cards, finances;

provided Christmas for a family. COPE would not be able to continue providing services if not for ongoing generosity, of Greater Fort

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watching a see no bie storms." Green Bay win."

Pearl Lidken

"For peace and health "Retirement, I also want Also, I would like to to continue to enjoy life and my family."

Rudy Wieler

Monica Gonzalez "A new car and long hair."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Lockwood says councillors were not COPE means not only the people forced into voting the way they did living in a certain area, but the act of forced into voting the way they

Dear Editor.

Zack Augustine

"I'm looking forward

to watching the Super Bowl and hopefully

I am writing in regards to councillors time; made donations of food, cloth- Steckley and Noyes' letter of December 26th ing, gifts, store gift cards, finances; and councillor Steckley's quote of December 19th regarding the capital budget. COPE would not be able to con- I disagree with the phrase "you're forcing tinue providing services if not for on- me to vote against the budget." Psychology 101 teaches no one can be forced to do anything. An individual always has a choice. Politics 101 teaches that politics is the art of Barbara Volzke compromise. Rarely is a councillor 100 per COPE cent happy with every line item of a budget.

We vote on the best budget we can but make compromises along the way. By voting against the capital budget, councillors Steckley andNoyes voted against infrastructure and park land improvements in their own wards. Perhaps they should consider these basic lessons and take responsibility for the way they voted. No one forced them to do anything.

> Martha Lockwood Ward 5 Coun.

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The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising violant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) B71-1600, Extension 2216(Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox). Carolyn J. Kett. A.M.C.T., Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

(2) TOWN OF FORT ERIE PUBLIC NOTICE **OPEN HOUSE #2** CRYSTAL BEACH GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL



Molinaro Group have jointly submitted an application for rezoning of property at 4155 Erie Road, Crystal Beach, in order to permit the development of the property for a 12-storey multi-use building including 87 condominium units, a public pavilion, ground floor commercial space, and associated onsite recreational amenities related to the public beach. The Town will be holding two Open Houses in addition to the required Public Meeting under the Ontario Planning Act. The public is encouraged to attend these informal patherings in order to view the proposal plans and ask questions of municipal

Crystal Beach Gateway



OPEN HOUSE NO. 2 THURSDAY. JANUARY 14, 2010 2:00-4:00 PM AND 6:00-8:00 PM TOWN HALL ATRIUM MUNICIPAL CENTRE DRIVE FORT ERIE, ONTARIO

For further information on the develcoment proposal, please refer to the Town website at: www.forterie.ca and click on the banner entitled "Crystal Beach Development". You may also contact Community and Development Services staff with questions and comment regarding the proposal at (905) B71-1600 ext

REMOVAL OF QEW East to North OFF-RAMP AT CONCESSION ROAD NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION



The Town of Fort Erie has completed the Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design for the House No. 2 will be held as folremoval of the QEW East to North off-ramp at Concession Road. The existing ramp has become redundant with the construction of the new off-ramp to the Fort Erie Welcome Centre, west of Concession Road. The extension of Hapey Avenue westerly to intersect with Concession Road will also be constructed.

The Process

The project is subject to the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and was carried out in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) as a Group 'B' project. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared. The TESR describes the preferred design and the environmental mitigating measures and provisions that have been incorporated into the construction contract. The TESR is available for 30-day public and agency review period from January 2, 2010 until February 2, 2010 at the following locations:

Town of Fort Frie Fort Ene Public Library Central Region Ministry of the Environment West Central Region Clerk's Desk Centennial Branch 1201 Wilson Avenue Municipal Centre Drive 136 Gilmore Road Building D. 2nd Floor 119 King Street West, 12th Floor Earl Era ON 124 258 Fort Ene ON 12A 2M1 Downsview, ON M3M 1JB Hamilton, ON LBP 4Y7 Telephone: 905.871 1800 Telephone: 905.871.2548 Telephone 416 235.5412 Telephore: 905.521 7640

If during the review process any concerns are brought forward by the public, a 'Bump-Up' can be requested of the Ministry of the Environment and an individual environmental assessment may have to be prepared. However, it is anticipated that all concerns will be resolved through discussion between the Town of Fort Erie, and the concerned party. All comments are due by February 2, 2010

David Sinka, P. Eng., Project Manager Ron Tirloo, P.Eng., Director of Infrastructure Services AMED Forth & Fresh Town of Fort Erie 3215 North Service Road, P. O. Box 220 1 Municipal Centre Drive Fort Fris. public 124/29

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Teenage girl missing from Georgia located at Peace Bridge

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Field Operations announced the apprehension of a missing 15 yearold girl from Georgia, and the arrest of a 27 year-old man who accompanied

On December 22, CBP Officers encountered a 27 year-old El Salvadorian national, as he applied for admission into the United States at the Peace Bridge border crossing, Buffalo,

The male was traveling with a 15 year-old female and advised CBP Officers that he was being returned the U.S. after being refused entry into Canada. He stated that the two were enroute to Canada to visit family members in Toronto for the holidays. A primary name query of the 15 yearold female revealed that she may be subject of a missing persons report out of Georgia. The report was issued on the 18th of December and was initiated by the girl's family. Both subjects were referred to CBP for a secondary enforcement exam.

During the course of the secondary inspection. Agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and CBP Officers determined that the juvenile was in fact the subject of the missing persons report. CBP officers

confirmed the validity of the report with the Clarkson, GA Police Department, ICE and CBP also notified the juvenile's parents, who advised that she did not have permission to travel, nor did the pair have permission to take the family car.

Additional record checks on the male revealed that he had been previously deported from the United States in April of 2007.

Rivera-Perez admitted that he illegally re-entered the United States sometime in May of 2007, doing so on foot across the LIS. Mexico bor-

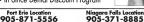
He admitted that he and the 15 year-old female were romantically involved, and that they were going to Canada to start a new life. Rivera-11/00 charged Transportation with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity and Reentering the United States after Deportation. Rivera-Perez remains in the Batavia, NY Federal Detention Facility pending prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's Western District of New York Office. The juvenile was temporarily sheltered at the Compass House in Buffalo. She was re-united with her family on Christmas Eve morning.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF FORT FRIE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

APPLICANT/OWNER: TOWN OF FORT ERIE AND THE MOLINARO GROUP Application: 350309-0328

DATE: January 25, 2010 TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



PROPOSED CHANGE

The Town of Fort Erie and the Motinaro Group have jointly submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment application for the lands located at 4155 Frie Boad. The purpose of the amendment is to permit the development of a 12-stoopy multi-use building including 87 condominium units, a town public pavilion, ground floor commercial space, and associated on-site public recreational amenities related to the public beach. The project details are available at the Town of Fort Erie's website at www. town forterie.on.ca and can be accessed by clicking on the Crystal Beach Development News banner.

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you

may not be able to appeal the decision later. WRITTEN SUBMISSION To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a

Department

letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6

For further information please contact Tom Villella, Neighbourhood Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2503. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on January 22, 2010. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-in-Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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Dated this 2nd day of January, 2010

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk Rino Mostacci, Director of Community and Development Services

Take a dip in the lake before enjoying a warm bowl of chili

KRIS DUBÉ

The snow has arrived and a lot of people are content with staying indoors on a Saturday afternoon watching movies on the couch.

On the other hand, there are some folks who see the frigid weather as a great time to throw on a bathing suit and go swimming in the lake.

Next Saturday, the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area (BIA) will be holding its first annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cook Off at the Bertie Boating Club in Point Abino starting at noon.

Once the icy water gets to be a little too much for the warm blooded participants, several batches of chili will be available, prepared by local restaurants and masters of the inhome kitchen as well.

Event co-organizer and

Crystal Beach BIA member Phil Smith is hoping the unique event will be well- received in its first year

"If we can get 50 peo-

ple it will be a success, if we can get 150 it will be all the better," said Smith. Dips were held in Fort

Erie for many years in the past but since Fort Erie Winterfest has wrapped up, Smith said it is important to keep a tradition like this alive, while promoting an area that sees fewer visitors than usual during the winter months.

"Our goal is to create a fun event, while promoting business in Crystal Beach and the rest of Fort Erie," said Smith.

Any local restaurants or homegrown chefs who wish to enter their recipe are being graciously accepted. Restaurants will be asked to pay a \$15 entry fee and a \$10 gift card to their establishment.

As a fundraiser for Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE), participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items and pay an entry fee of \$5 for the dip and chili. Prizes will be handed out for the best recipe showcased at the event.

Anyone interested in signing up as a vendor can call Smith at (905) 651



A group of people braving the cold, icy waters during a recent Polar Bear Dip in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Next Saturday, people will be found doing the same at the Bertle Boating Club. The Polar Bear Dip and Chill Cook Off, hosted by the Crystal Beach Improvement Area is exceeded to be a success in its first very do voranizers.







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CHERRY HILL DONATES TO COPE

Community Outreach Program Erie was given a \$5,000 donation from Cherry Hill Club recently to help the non-profit organization through the holidays. The money will be spent on food supplies. From left are Nicole Vinson, Marinus Gerritsen, Mandy Crosby and Dave Hunter.

Region hosting ball hockey tournament for homelessness

Niagara residents will have the opportunity on January 30th to score a victory for non-profit agencies working to prevent homelessness in

The Niagara Region, in partnership with Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, Project SHARE and the Hope Centre, is hosting a ball hockey tournament to raise awareness for the fight against homelessness

The tournament will be held at Niagara Region Headquarters on St. David's Road in Thorold, starting at 10 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30

The entry fee for each player is \$25. Teams must have six to 10 players and will all be guaranteed at least three games. Games will be 15 minutes in length and there will be prizes handed out for the top fund-raising team and individual. It will be a fiveon-five format, played on a half court. It will be open to both male and female participants and there will be adult and youth divisions to compete

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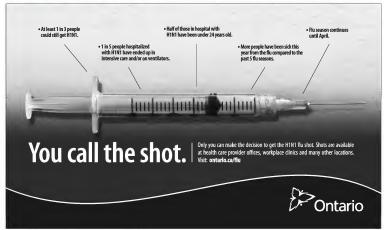
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With winter's fury comes plenty of fun for those young at heart. The Sugarbowl Park was filled with children and parents looking to take advantage of the snow during Christmas break Brooke, Lexis and Alvssa Pollard taking their sleds down the hill behind the Fort Public Library's centennial branch.





PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

On Wednesday, Fort Erie Skating Club members Marlize Van Stittert, left, Emily Teasdale and Kourtney Edmunds could be found at the Leisureplex practicing their moves before heading off to an event in Grimsby next weekend.

Fresh Air Fund wants you this year

that could benefit the entire family for years to come and volunteer with The Fresh Air Fund. Close to 5.000 New York City children visit volunteer host families for up to simple summer pleasures in rural two weeks every summer through The Fund's Friendly Town program in communities from Virginia to Maine and into Canada. In 2010, give your family a chance to spend time together, introduce your children or grandchildren to the importance of volunteering and make a difference in the life of an inner-city child. It might still be cold outside, but the time to sign up

"I paddled a canoe for the first time. My host family took pictures and then put them in an album for me to look at after I got home!"

Make a New Year's resolution explained a 10-year-old Fresh Air child from Queens.

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BATTLE FOR THE PUCK

Michal Domagala, left, and Derek Bowman utilized the frozen pond at Sugarbowl Park Wednesday afternoon for some old fashioned hockey.



PREPARING FOR TAKEOFF

Rob Stevenson prepares 8-year-old Joshua Stevenson to head down the hill at Sugarbowl Park on Wednesday afternoon.



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Fort Erie Meteors forward Braeden Walker tries to better position himself in front of Stoney Creek's goalie on Saturday. The Meteors held a 3-2 lead into the third period before ending up dropping the contest 5-3. They will host the Welland Canadians tonight.

Meteors power play and penalty kill units fail to pull through in 5-3 loss

Times Staff

The last time the Fort Erie Meteors and the Stoney Creek Warriors met, the result was an embarrassing 14-4 score with Fort Erie being on the losing end.

Last Saturday, the two teams met again for the first time since that route and it wasn't the type of game most people might have expected. After the first two periods, Fort Erie was the

team holding a 3-2 lead. Brandon opened the scoring followed by goals from Mackenzie McAvoy and

Mike Nedilsky. That's where the offense stalled and the

impending third period did Fort Erie in. By failing to capitalize

on any of their six power plays - including a five on three opportunity midway through the third - the Meteors were unable to hold off a late surge by the Warriors and lost 5-3. coach Yvan to get through last week-Charrois said this game was a lot different than

the last game between both teams. "These guys beat us

To people who never bad last time and tonight was a much different story. We lost 5-3, but the effort was there. I actually think we outplayed them for the most part of the To anyone who had to game." work during the holidays.

Charrois had a case there as Fort Erie's energy seemed higher on the ice than in previous games. Players were blocking shots and applying pressure in the offensive zones, creating many

opportunities to score. The downfall for Fort Erie was failing to get any production out of their power play unit.

All year the team has struggled on special teams. On the power play, the Meteors are a measly 13.8 per cent and are ranked 22nd out of the 25 teams in the Greater

Ontario Junior Hockey

"These next games are going to define where we sit in the standings, so hopefully we show up to play.

-Yvan Charrois

the fact they aren't any better on the penalty kill and sit last with a 72.8 per cent success rate.

"It's frustrating, but we've tried everyone and everything. Nothing seems

to work," said Charrois. Defenceman Langdon said although losing in a close game is tough to digest, the team has to push it out of their minds and focus on their

remaining games. "We know we worked hard again tonight; things just didn't work out," he

"Every period we have to continue to tell ourselves it's a 0-0 game and keep giving it everything we have

Fort Frie's next four games are crucial for the team to better position itself come the March playoffs.

With two back-to-back series scheduled against Welland and Niagara Falls, Charrois said the team needs to be playing 60 minutes of hockey every game.

"These next games are going to define where we sit in the standings, so hopefully we show up to play."

Fort Erie currently sits in seventh place with a record of 11-21-1 in the Golden eight-team Horseshoe Division

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entrusted with the arrangements.

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GIBBONS, Christopher John -(December 25, 1972 - December 24, 2009). It is with extreme sadness and much love Mary, Mark and Tina announce the death of a loving son, brother, brother in law and dear uncle to Ethan and Alexa Christonhei died peacefully on December 24 after a lifelong struggle with Cystic Fibrosis in the arms of his mother with the loving support of Mark and Tina and devoted friends. Christopher displayed courage, exhibiting extreme bravery and distinct dignity. He is survived by meny loving aunts, uncles, cousins and faithful friends who will truly miss him. The Funeral Mass was celebrate St. Micheel's Cetholic Church on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment took place in St. Joseph's Church Cemetery (Snyder). In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cystic Fibrosis Research

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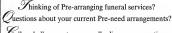
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our families and friends for visitations and attending the funeral, for expressions of sympathy, flowers, donations, cards and food

Thank you to Father Mark Gladding, the palibearers, Bonnie Culp and ladies of A.C.W. and St. Nick's of St. Paul's for the lovely luncheon and Darren and staff at Benner's.

A special thank you from Jackson to Apriles Carrie Vrister Alice and Marris Sincerely and with love. Lambert, Cotton & Rossi Familier



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Branden Vern Williams March 15, 1974 - December 31, 2006

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HURST, BEN - December 28, 1974. This day comes back with sad regret. It brings back a day we will never forget. You fell asleep without a goodbye, But our memory of you will never die. Love, Mom, Dan and Jackie.



Ryan Cecil Antone January 1, 1987 - December 31, 2006

Nobody knows how it tore us up from the inside to lose you. I. Mom. would like to thank the Creator and Morris Antone Jr. for making Ryan my baby boy. Thanks Ryan for the love, for the laughs, for the memories. Until we meet again.

rest in peace. Happy Birthday to our baby boy, brother and Uncle Ry-Ry. Forever loved. Forever missed.

Never to be forgotten. Low Mem End Tillany Kedenni

Ryan Cecil Antone January 1, 1987 - December 31, 2006 in loving memory of my dear grandson. As time goes by without you and days turn into years, they hold a million memories and a thousand silent tears.

it's lonely here without you, we miss you more each day, for life is not the same for us since you were called away. To us you were so special, what more is there to say, except we wish with all leads, that you were here with us today. Lovingly remembered by: His grandmother Shirley. uncles Kim & Nat (Pam) cousins Markdox & Ethan

A million times I've needed you A million times I've cried, If love could have saved you You never would have died. Things we feel most deeply are the hardest things to say. My degrest one, I loved you. In a very special way if I could have one lifetime One dream that could come true I'd pray to God with all my heart For yesterday and you.

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- one defroster to do the rest of the work while you're diving.
 b) Clear the windows and all the snow and ice from a 30 cm area on the windshield and the back
- c) Clear all the windows as well as the roof and the hood, scraping off any ice from all the windows.
- 2. One of the following does not happen at a temperature less than -20 °C:
- a) Snow chains have no traction.
 b) Sand gives no traction.
 c) Snow tires lose some of their traction.
- When you're stuck in snow or hard frozen snow you must never:
- a) Spread soil or sand under the tires.
 b) Rock the car backwards and forwards by changing from drive to reverse gear, pressing on the brake pedal while changing gear.
 c) Press on the accelerator while keeping the
- tires straight, in order to free the car as quickly as
- 4. When you have to stop your car quickly on a slippery or snow-covered surface without ABS brakes: a) Press firmly and continuously on the brake pedal, never releasing it. b) Pump the brakes. c) Slam on the brakes.
- 5. If you start to skid on ice:
- a) Pump the brakes to slow down.
 b) Over-steer in order to compensate for the direction of the skid c) Release the accelerator and declutch or go into neutral. d) All the above.

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